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l. Discussed with Mr. Charles Murphy, Administrative Assistant to the President, the section of the merger bill which gives the Director power to appoint and fix compensation of personnel. Mr. Murphy felt that this section would make firm any question as to the Director's power to appoint and fix compensation, but that the whole was subject to existing laws, none of which was excepted in the section in question. Informed the Director, who requested me to convey this information to

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- 2. Informed that the power was inherent in the Director as head of the agency to make these appointments subject to existing laws.
- 3. Talked with Mr. Sidney Buford, State Department liaison to CIG, re hearings. Mr. Buford expressed some concern as to testimony regarding relationship between the research work done by ORE and the State Department. Assured him that General Vandenberg would convey the point adequately, explaining the necessity for the State Department's having its own departmental research shop. Undertook to supply Mr. Buford with those questions asked by the Committee which would affect the State Department's testimony.

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6. Talked by telephone with Mr. Healey of Senator Myer's office, (D., Pa.), re possible position for Asked him to tell to call for an appointment tomorrow or Wednesday.

7. Attended House Appropriations Committee hearings on the CIG budget for 1948 with the Director of Central Intelligence, and Mr. Saunders, appearing before a special subcommittee consisting of the State, STATINTL War and Naval subcommittees.